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to this point only for the purpose of showing that it is not necessary to refer this Bill to a Select Committee. With these remarks, I move, Sir, that the Bill be taken into consideration at once."

* Mr. T. C. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—"Sir, I second the motion; I wish only to add that the Bill is overdue. This Bill is in pursuance of the recommendations of the Civil Justice Committee; their recommendations have been carried out earlier in the appointment of additional District Munsifs and additional Sub-Judges. This Bill should be pushed forward as, in the files of certain District Courts, there are certain appeals which can be heard only by District Judges. In the district from which I come, appeals 4 years and 5 years old are pending. It is not the case that the learned Judges are not giving due attention and time to these cases; but other more urgent items of works are occupying their time. Appeals under the Estates Land Act and appeals from the Subordinate Court whose pecuniary value is between Rs. 3,000 and Rs. 5,000 can be disposed of only by District Judges. I entirely agree with the hon. the Law Member that the Bill should be passed as early as possible, so that in the interests of the litigant public due steps may be taken for the purpose of augmenting the strength of the District Courts, where necessary."

The motion that the Bill be taken into consideration was put and carried.

Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 were put and carried, and allowed to stand part of the Bill.

The preamble was put and carried and allowed to stand part of the Bill.

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Sir, I now move that the Bill be passed into law."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I second it."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed into law.

XXI.—A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS SERVICES COMMISSION ACT, 1929 (BILL No. 10 OF 1930).

* The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"Mr. President, Sir, I beg to introduce the Bill [a] to amend the Madras Services Commission Act, 1929 (Bill No. 10 of 1930) and to move that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following Members:—

1. Diwan Bahadur Alladi Krishnaswami Ayyar.
2. Mr. R. Foulkes.
3. Khan Bahadur Mahmud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur.
4. Mr. Muhammad Meera Ravuttar.
5. The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu.
6. Rao Sahib V. I. Muniswami Pillai.

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7. Mr. K. P. Raman Menon.
8. Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar.
9. Dr. P. Subbarayan.
10. Rao Bahadur G. Jagannadha Raju.
11. Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar.
12. Mr. T. C. Srinivasa Ayyangar.
13. Rao Bahadur T. A. Ramalinga Chettiyar.
14. Mr. F. E. James.
15. The Mover (the hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell).

"This Bill is introduced in accordance with the promise made by me to the last Council that I would introduce a Bill to amend the financial provisions of the Act. It will be remembered that, when the Act was drafted, a provision was made for the expenses of the Commission, that provision being intended to be a minimum grant. But it was ruled by the President of the Council that that figure must be regarded as the maximum. The consequence is we have to amend the Bill so as to provide the amount which the Commission is likely to spend in carrying out its duties, and to provide further that sum that shall be a minimum and that the House can vote further amounts if necessary."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I second it."

* Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR:—"Sir, there seems to be a slight irregularity. Diwan Bahadur Alladi Krishnaswami Ayyar is proposed to be a Member of the Select Committee. He has not taken his oath yet. I think that his name will have to be left out now and added later."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"It seems to me that before he acts as a Member of the Select Committee, he should be a Member of this House."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"May I ask if the hon. Member is very particular about his name being put in?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"I accept your ruling on the point, Sir. He will be a very useful Member for the Committee. There will be no opportunity of adding his name before the Select Committee meets, unless he takes his oath to-morrow."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I think, Sir, there is a precedent in the case of Mr. Statham who was appointed a Member of a Select Committee before he took his oath. Perhaps that precedent may be followed."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"In view of the precedent that has already been followed, I think Mr. Alladi Krishnaswami Ayyar's name may be included in the list of the Select Committee Members."

The motion that the Bill be referred to the Select Committee was put and carried.

The House then adjourned at 4-30 p.m. to meet again at 11 o'clock the next day.